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INSECT SUPPRESSION STATION

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Response addresses the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004. The Office Action included an election of species requirement asking that the Applicant select between Species I (Figures 1-11) and Species II (Figures 12-14). Applicant elects Species II. All of the pending claims 1-72 read on Species II. By way of explanation, Species II is very similar to Species I, but includes a few additional features that are specified in some dependent claims. Therefore, all of the claims read on Species II, while all but a few of the claims read on Species I.

The Office Action also includes a further election of species requirement asking that the Applicant select a single disclosed species for an insect suppression device. The following types of insect suppression devices and combinations thereof are mentioned in different claims:

- 1. Attractant
 - a. Attractant and absorbent material
 - b. Attractant and polystyrene
- 2. Adhesive

- 3. Bait, Attractant and Adhesive
- 4. Adhesive and Pheromone
- 5. Insect Detector

Applicants elect insect suppression device option 1b specifying the combination of attractant and polystyrene. Claims 1-72 read on this combination in an insect suppression device. An embodiment having an attractant and polystyrene included in an insect suppression device can also include any of the features included in the other claims, so that all pending claims read on this species. Applicants note that claims restricted to different species must be mutually exclusive according to MPEP 806.04 (f). None of the claims are mutually exclusive with a station having an attractant and polystyrene.

The examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative with any questions, or requested clarifications or if such contact would be of assistance. Applicants respectfully request early action on this patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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